

containing promoter, and carbon monoxide, wherein said catalyst system also comprises platinum.

2. (Twice Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein said reaction is the carbonylation of methanol wherein a carbon monoxide partial pressure of between  $0.1 \cdot 10^5$  Pa and  $200 \cdot 10^5$  Pa is maintained throughout the reaction.

3. (Twice Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein said reaction is the isomerization of methyl formate wherein a carbon monoxide partial pressure of between  $0.1 \cdot 10^5$  Pa and  $25 \cdot 10^5$  Pa is maintained throughout the reaction.

4. (Twice Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein said reaction comprises a simultaneous methanol carbonylation reaction and a methyl formate isomerization reaction, wherein said reaction is carried out under a carbon monoxide partial pressure of between  $0.1 \cdot 10^5$  Pa and  $25 \cdot 10^5$  Pa throughout the reaction.

30. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 21 which is carried out in the presence of an ester in an amount of less than 30% by weight of the reaction medium.